# REVISION OF THE RHODOMYRTUS TRINEURA (F. MUELL.) F. MUELL. EX BENTH. (MYRTACEAE) SPECIES COMPLEX 

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The Rhodomyrtus trineura species complex is revised. $R$. novoguineensis, $R$. canescens and $R$. sericea are reinstated as species distinct from $R$. trineura. R. pervagata, R. trineura subsp. capensis and $R$. effusa from Australia and R. lanata and R. montana from New Guinea are described as new. A key to the species is provided and the new species illustrated.

## Introduction

Scott (1978) recognised four varieties of Rhodomyrtus trineura (F. Muell.) F. Muell. ex Benth., viz var. trineura, var. novoguineensis (Diels) A.J. Scott, var. macrophylla Domin, and var. canescens (C. White \& Francis) A.J. Scott. The differences in the habit, habitat, leaf and floral morphology of these taxa necessitates their elevation to specific rank. Rhodomyrtus sericea Burret, included within R. trineura var. trineura by Scott (1978), is also specifically distinct. In addition, two allied species from New Guinea need formal description. Both are described from material included by Scott under R. trineura var. novoguineensis.

Floral and fruit measurements given are based on material preserved in spirit or reconstituted material.

## Key to Rhodomyrtus trineura and Related Species

1. Ovules/seeds in 16-22 rows; fruits ellipsoidal 2
Ovules/seeds in 3-12 rows; fruits globular or subglobular 3
2. Abaxial leaf surface villous, hairs dense; pedicels to 2 mm long. NE New Guinea 7. R. lanata Abaxial leaf surface pubescent, hairs mid-dense; pedicels $2-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long.
New Guinea 6. R. novoguineensis
3. Inflorescences monads, rarely triads; tomentum of branchlets and leaves erect or erect as well as appressed ..... 4
Inflorescences triads and monads; tomentum of branchiets and leaves appressed. NE Australia 3. R. canescens
4. Pedicels $5-14 \mathrm{~mm}$ long ..... 5
Pedicels to 5 mm long ..... 6
5. Ovules/seeds in 3-5 rows. NE Australia 1. R. trineura
Ovules/seeds in 7-10 rows. NE Australia 4. R. pervagata
6. Leaves $1.5-3.8 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide; small trees or shrubs ..... 7
Leaves $4-8.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide; straggling shrubs. NE Australia 5. R. effusa
7. Leaves sericeous or pubescent below; inflorescences 2 per axil ..... 8
Leaves ferruginous-villous below; inflorescences 1 per axil. West Irian ..... 8. R. montana
8. Leaves pubescent below, hairs erect, mid-dense; ovules/seeds in 3-5 rows. NE Australia ..... 1. R. trineura
Leaves sericeous below, hairs erect and appressed, dense; ovules/seeds in6-9 rows. NE Australia2. R. sericea
9. Rhodomyrtus trineura (F. Muell.) F. Muell. ex Benth., Fl. austral. 3: 272 (1866). Myrtus trineura F. Muell., Fragm. 4: 177 (1864). Type: Peak Range, Rockingham Bay, 2 March 1864, J. Dallachy 1 (lecto (designated here): MEL).
Spreading shrub to $1-3(-5) \mathrm{m}$; bark smooth, brown. Branchlets and young leaves ferruginous pubescent with erect hairs $0.3-0.9 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina ovate or ovate-lanceloate, $5-12 \mathrm{~cm}$ long, $1.5-3.7 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide, glabrous above except for hairs along midvein, pubescent below with mid-dense erect hairs $0.5-1 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, 3 -veined above the base, apex acuminate or acute; base attenuate; venation raised below, midrib sunken above; primary marginal veins $4-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, $2-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ from margin; oil glands distinct, sparse to mid-dense. Petiole pubescent, $3-6(-9) \mathrm{mm}$ long. Inflorescences 2 per axil, monads, $10-16 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pedicels pubescent, $2-10 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pherophylls and metaxyphylls lanceolate, pubescent, deciduous, $2-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Flowers 5 -merous; perigynium pubescent, $2.8-3.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long and $3.3-3.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes ovate, acute, pubescent, $2.5-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $2.2-2.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Petals white or pinkish, obovate, pubescent or villous outside, except for glabrous margins, glabrous inside, $5.6-7 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $4.6-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Stamens $125-134, \pm$ in 4 whorls; filaments $3-3.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; anthers $0.6-0.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary $3-$ locular, summit puberulent; ovules $6-10$ per loculus in 2 series of $3-5$ on axile placentas; style puberulent at base, glabrous above, $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; stigma capitate, $0.5-0.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Fruit cream, globular, pubescent, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, $10-12$ mm long, $10-12 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Seeds $18-30$, reniform, flattened, $1.4-1.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ long.
Two subspecies are recognised.
1a. R. trineura subsp. trineura
Petals pubescent; pedicels $2-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long.
Selected specimens: Queensland. North Kennedy District: Mt Koolmoon Forest Reserve, about 7 miles $[11.7$ $\mathrm{km}]$ S of Ravenshoe, Aug 1963, Schodde 3292 (BRI); Mission Beach, $17^{\circ} 55^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 156^{\circ} 05^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Nov 1963, Hyland 03086 (BRI); Hobans Creek on Mission Beach Road 4 miles [ 6.4 km ] from Tully, Jun 1970, Moriarty 276 (BRI); Dunk Island on hill behind Brammo Bay, $18^{\circ} 55^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $146^{\circ} 09^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Nov 1970, Webb \& Tracey 10685 (BRI); Mount Kootaloo, Dunk Island, $17^{\circ} 57^{\prime}$ S, $146^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ E, Nov 1985, Sharpe 4237 (BRI); S.F. 702 , south bank of Murray River near mouth, $18^{\circ} 05^{\prime}$ S, $146^{\circ} 01^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1975, Thorsborne 116 (BRI); Kirrama, 19${ }^{\circ} 07^{\prime}$ 'S, $145^{\circ} 37^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jul 1947, Smith 3194 (BRI); Cardwell forestry area, Aug 1980 , Williams 80156 (BRI); Five Mile Creek near Cardwell upstream from Highway, Aug 1979, Byrnes 3925 (BRI); Gould Island, Rockingham Bay, Aug 1865, Dallachy [AQ 278670 ] (BRI); Agnes Island, close to Hinchinbrook Island, $18^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 146^{\circ} 19^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Aug 1975, Sharpe 1762 (BRI); upper reaches of North Zoe Creek, Hinchinbrook Island, $18^{\circ} 21^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 146^{\circ} 16^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jul 1988, Fell 1162 (BRI); W of Ingham, near Wallaman Falls, Aug 1951, Blake 18806 (BRI); near Witts Lookout, Mt Spec National Park, Mar 1988, Fell 674 (BRI); about 4 km W of Paluma, $19^{\circ} 01^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 146^{\circ} 10^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1986 , Guymer 2011 (BRI). SouTh KENNEDY DISTRICT: Dalrymple
 Thomson 126 (BRI). Port CURTIS DISTRICT: Shoalwater Bay Military Reserve, CSIRO ISOPOD site, c. 2.5 km N of Mt Parnassus, $22^{\circ} 48^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $150^{\circ} 35^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jul 1977, Clarkson \& Stanley 672 (BRI); Water Park Creek, 3.5 km NE of Byfield, Livingstone Shire, $22^{\circ} 49^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $150^{\circ} 39^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Aug 1985, Anderson 4010 (BRI); Byfield near Keppel Bay, Sep 1931, White 8016 (BRI).
Distribution and habitat: This subspecies is found from Ravenshoe to Byfield, Queensland and occurs on the margins of notophyll vine forest, along creeks and occasionally in open forests at altitudes from near sea-level to 800 m .
1b. R. trineura subsp. capensis Guymer, subsp. nov. differt ab subsp. trineurae petalis villosis et pedicellis longioribus ( $3-10 \mathrm{~mm}$ longis). Typus: Queensland. Соок District, McIlwraith Ra., T.R. 14, Leo Creek road, $13^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ S, $143^{\circ} 20^{\prime}$ E, September 1975, B. Hyland 8383 (holo: BRI; iso: BRI,QRS distribuendi).
Distinguished from $R$. trineura subsp. trineura by the villous petals and longer pedicels (3-10 mm long).
[^0]Phenology: This species flowers from August to January with occasional records for May. Fruiting specimens have been collected in June, October to January, and March and May.

Notes: $R$. trineura is distinguished from other species in this complex by its spreading shrubby habit, mid-dense leaf tomentum and ovules/seeds in 3 to 5 rows.

There are two specimens of Dallachy's in MEL which were collected before Mueller's publication of this species. The Dallachy specimen collected on 26 January 1864 has smaller leaves than that given by Mueller, whereas the specimen collected on 2 March 1864 agrees with Mueller's protologue. Hence this latter specimen has been selected as the lectotype of $R$. trineura.
2. Rhodomyrtus sericea Burret, Notizbl. Bot. Gart. Berlin 15: 497 (1941). Type: Australia, Queensland. Cook District, Mt Bellenden-Ker, W. Sayer s.n. (holo: B $\dagger$; iso: MEL).
Shrubs or small trees, $2-6(-8) \mathrm{m}$ tall, d.b.h. to 10 cm ; bark smooth, reddish brown to dark brown. Branchlets and young leaves sericeous with erect and appressed silken brown hairs $0.2-1 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina elliptic to lanceolate, (3-)4-9 cm long, $1.4-1.7 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide, glabrous above except for hairs along primary veins, sericeous or velutinous below with dense erect and $\pm$ appressed hairs $0.2-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, 3 -veined above the base, apex acuminate, base cuneate or attenuate, often decurrent with petiole; margins recurved; venation raised below, midvein sunken above; primary marginal veins $3-7 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, $1-2 \mathrm{~mm}$ from margin; oil glands distinct, moderately dense. Petiole pubescent, $5-$ 9 mm long. Inflorescences 2 per axil, monads, rarely triads, $12-20 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pherophylls and metaxyphylls pubescent, lanceolate, acute, $2-2.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Flowers 5-merous; perigynium pubescent, $2.5-3.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $2.8-3.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes rounded or semi-circular, pubescent, $2-2.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $2.4-3.1 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Petals white, obovate, puberulent outside except for the margins, glabrous inside, $6-8 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $4.5-$ 6 mm wide. Stamens $130-144$, $\pm$ in 4 whorls; filaments $4.8-5.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; anthers with 3-5 oil glands along connective, $0.6-0.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary 3 -locular, summit puberulent; ovules $12-18$ per loculus in 2 series of 6 to 9 , on axile placentas; style pubescent at base, glabrous above, $5-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; stigma capitate, $0.5-0.65 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Fruits cream or pale brown, globular, pubescent, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, 12-13.5 mm long, $10-11 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Seeds $36-54$, reniform, flattened, $1.6-1.8 \mathrm{~mm}$ long.

Selected specimens: Australia. Queensland. Cook District: Mt Finnegan, Sep 1943, Brass 20134 (BRI); summit of Mt Finnegan, $15^{\circ} 47^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 17^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Aug 1972, Webb \& Tracey 10839 (BRI); N.P.R. 164, Thornton Peak, $16^{\circ} 10^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Nov 1973, Hyland 7058 (BRI); Thornton Peak, Mar 1932, Brass 2297 (BRI); V.C.L. Noah, Mt Hemmant, $16^{\circ} 10^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 25^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1975 , Hyland 8488 (BRI); Mt Spurgeon, $16^{\circ} 26^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 12^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Sep 1936, White 10606 (BRI); 21 km along Mt Lewis Rd, Jan 1986, Guymer 2020 (BRI); summit of Mt Demi, $16^{\circ} 30^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 19^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Feb 1932, Brass 2098 (BRI); Mt Windsor, Mar 1941, Carr 13a (BRI); S.F.R. 143, Leichhardt L.A., $16^{\circ} 36^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 17^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Dec 1981, Hyland 11423 (BRI); Mt Lewis, $16^{\circ} 3^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 1-^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1982 , Williams 82198 (BRI); ditto, Williams 82204 (BRI); end of Mt Lewis Rd, $16^{\circ} 35^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Aug 1957, Smith 10086 (BRI); Bellenden Ker Range, $17^{\circ} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 50^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1974, Hyland 7767 (BRI); Centre peak near TV tower, summit of Bellenden Ker, Nov 1972, Webb \& Tracey 10804 (BRI); Mt Bellenden Ker near the cableway terminus, Sep 1986, Clarkson 6572 (BRI); Bellenden Ker, Jan 1923, White s.n. (BRI); Mt Bellenden Ker, c. 0.5 miles [0.8 km] SW of centre peak, Jun 1969, Smith 14633 (BRI); Mt Bartle Frere, Oct 1929, Kajewski 1282 (BRI); Bartle Frere, summit of south peak, Jun 1961, Martin \& Hyland 1894 (BRI); Bartle Frere, 4,200 ft to summit, Oct 1967, Scarth-Johnson s.n. (BRI).

Distribution and habitat: $R$. sericea is endemic in NE Queensland from Mt Finnegan to Mt Bartle Frere at altitudes of $900-1650 \mathrm{~m}$. It occurs on the margins of microphyllnotophyll vine-fern forests, in windswept microphyll mossy thickets and in wet sclerophyll forest adjoining these vine forest types. It grows on a variety of soil types derived mainly from granite.

Phenology: This species flowers from August to December and fruits from December to June.

Notes: $R$. sericea is distinguished from $R$. trineura by its sericeous leaves and ovules/ seeds in 6 to 9 rows.
3. Rhodomyrtus canescens C. White \& Francis, Queensland Dept. of Agric. Bot. Bull. 22: 26 (1920); Rhodomyrtus trineura var. canescens (C. White \& Francis) A.J. Scott, Kew Bull. 33: 325 (1978). Type: Australia, Queensland, Cook District, Atherton, January 1918, C.T. White [AQ 278660] (holo: BRI; 'iso: K).
Shrubs $1.5-4 \mathrm{~m}$ tall, bark smooth, grey. Branchlets and young leaves puberulent with appressed simple hairs $0.1-0.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina lanceolate or elliptic, $4.5-10(-12) \mathrm{cm}$ long, $1.5-3(-3.5) \mathrm{cm}$ wide, glabrous or with occasional scattered appressed hairs above, canescent below (hairs appressed $0.1-0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ long), 3 -veined above the base; apex acuminate; base attenuate or cuneate; venation slightly raised above except for sunken midrib, raised below; primary marginal veins $4-10 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, $1.5-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ from margin; oil glands distinct, moderately dense. Petiole canescent, $5-8 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Inflorescence 1 per axil, metaxytriads, $15-35 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pedicels canescent, (3-)4-10 mm long; pherophylls and metaxyphylls ovate, acute, caducous, canescent, $2-3.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Flowers 5 -merous; perigynium canescent, 2.8-3.3 mm long, 3-3.5 mm diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes rounded or semi-circular, canescent, $2-2.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $2.1-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Petals white, obovate, glabrous or canescent outside with glabrous margins, 8-10 mm long, $6.5-7.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Stamens $165-176, \pm$ in 4 whorls; filaments $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; anthers $0.5-0.65 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary 3 -locular, summit puberulent; ovules $14-16$ per loculus, in 2 series of 7 or 8, on axile placentas; style puberulent at base, glabrous above, 5.5-6 mm long; stigma capitate, $0.6-0.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Fruits pale cream, globular, puberulent, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, $6.6-11 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $4.5-7.1 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Seeds $42-48$, reniform, flattened, finely sculptured, $1.6-2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long.
Selected specimens: Australia. Queensland. Cook District: Davies Creek, Lamb Range, Oct 1967, Brass 33723 (BRI); Davies Creek L.A., $17^{\circ} 04^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 36^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Mar 1988, Forster PIF 3869 \& Liddle (BRI); S.F.R. 185 , c. 5 km N of Tinaroo Falls Dam, $17^{\circ} 05^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 36^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Mar 1976, Moriarty 1984 (BRI); Noel L.A. Tinaroo Range, $17^{\circ} 07^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 33^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Nov 1981, Kanis 2149 (BRI); Tinaroo Range, on road from Downfall Creek, Feb 1962, Webb \& Tracey 5759 (BRI); S.F.R. 194 Western, $17^{\circ} 16^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 25^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Feb 1981, Gray 1902 (BRI); Herberton Range S.F., W of Atherton, $17^{\circ} 17^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 26^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1986, Guymer 2028 (BRI); S.F.R. 194, c. 6 km WSW of Atherton, $1^{\circ} 17^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 26^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Mar 1976, Moriarty 1974 (BRI,NSW); S.F.R. 194, Barron, $17^{\circ} 17^{\prime}$ S, $145^{\circ} 31^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1972, Irvine 143 (BRI); S.F.R. 194, Western, $17^{\circ} 19^{\prime}$ S, $145^{\circ} 26^{\prime}$ E, Feb 1982, Gray 2458 (BRI); S.F.R. 99, Western, Dec 1956, Volck QF57/108 (BRI); Evelyn Scrub, New Crater Rd, $17^{\circ} 25^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 30^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, undated, Hamilton brothers [AQ 45077] (BRI); S.F.R. 194, Hugh Nelson Ra., $17^{\circ} 27^{\prime}$ S, $145^{\circ} 29^{\prime}$ E, Nov 1981 , Gray 2292 (BRI); Microwave Tower Rd near The Crater, $17^{\circ} 28^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 29^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1986, G. Sankowsky 575 \& N. Sankowsky (BRI); c. 13 km SW of Atherton on ranges near Moomin, Sep 1950, Smith 4664 (BRI); R99, compartment 50, Nov 1958, Smith 10437a (BRI). NORTH Kennedy District: Herberton-Ravenshoe Rd, 1972, Althofer 313 (BRI); c. 13 km N of Ravenshoe, Smith 5039 (BRI); Ravenshoe, Apr 1945, Flecker 9196 (BRI); Glendinning Rd, Ravenshoe, Aug 1967, Barnes s.n. (BRI).
Distribution and habitat: This species is endemic in north east Queensland from the Lamb Range to Ravenshoe at altitudes of 750 to 1200 m . It occurs in or on the margins of simple or complex notophyll vine forests.
Phenology: This species flowers from late September to December and fruits from December to April.
Notes: R. canescens is readily distinguished from other species within the $R$. trineura group by its pedunculate inflorescences (metaxytriads) and fine appressed indumentum.
4. Rhodomyrtus pervagata Guymer, sp. nov. affinis $R$. trineurae (F. Muell.) F. Muell. ex Benth. sed foliis majoribus ( $7-18 \times 2.3-7 \mathrm{~cm}$ ), pedicellis longioribus ( $5-14 \mathrm{~mm}$ longis) et habitu arboreo differt. Typus: Australia, Queensland, COOK District, 15 km along Mt Lewis Rd, off Julatten - Mareeba Rd ( $16^{\circ} 34^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 16^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ ), January 1986, G.P.Guymer 2017 (holo: BRI; iso: BRI,CANB,K,L,MEL,MO,NE,NSW, QRS' distribuendi).
Rhodomyrtus trineura var. macrophylla Domin, Biblioth. Bot. 22: 474 (1928). Type: Lake Eacham, February 1910, Domin 7310 (lecto (designated here): PR).
Small trees 3-8(-10) m tall, d.b.h. 6-14 cm; bark smooth, grey or dark brown. Branchlets and young leaves densely pubescent with erect ferruginous simple hairs $0.2-0.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina elliptic to lanceolate, occasionally ovate, $7-14.6(-18) \mathrm{cm}$ long, 2.3-5.5(-7) cm wide, glabrous above except for hairs along primary veins, pubescent below with mid-dense erect simple hairs $0.2-0.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, 3 -veined above the base, apex longacuminate; base attenuate to cuneate; venation raised below, primary veins sunken above; primary marginal veins $3-9 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, $2-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ from margin; oil glands distinct, moderately dense. Petiole pubescent, $5-13 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Inflorescences 2 or 3 per axil, monads, rarely metaxytriads, $12-18 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pedicels ferruginous-pubescent, $5-14 \mathrm{~mm}$


Fig. 1. Rhodomyrtus pervagata: A, flowering branchlets $\times 0.5$. B. flower $\times 3$. C. fruit $\times 2$. Rhodomyrtus effusa: D. fruiting branchlets $\times 0.67$. E. L.S. of fruit $\times 3$. A-C Guymer 2017; D,E, Guymer 2059.
long; pherophylls and metaxyphylls lanceolate to ovate, pubescent, deciduous, 2.8-5.1 mm long. Flowers 5 -merous; perigynium ferruginous-pubescent, $2.5-3.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long and $3.2-3.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes rounded or semi-circular, ferruginouspubescent outside, sericeous inside, $2.7-3.1 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $3-3.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Petals white, cream or pale pink, obovate, sericeous outside, glabrous around the margins, glabrous inside, $8-10 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $5-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Stamens $160-180$, $\pm$ in 4 whorls; filaments cream or pink, $4.5-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; anthers with 2-5 oil glands along connective, $0.6-0.8 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary 3 -locular, summit puberulent; ovules 14-20 per loculus, in 2 series of $7-10$, on axile placentas; style puberulent at base, glabrous above, $6.5-8 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; stigma capitate, $0.5-0.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Fruit cream when mature, globular to doliiform, puberulent, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, $12-18 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $10-13 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Seeds $42-60$, reniform, flattened, finely sculptured, 1.9-2.2 mm long. Fig. 1 A-C.
Selected specimens: Australia. Queensland, Cook District: S.F.R. 144, Fantail L.A., Mt Windsor Tableland,
$16^{\circ} 12^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 05^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Mar 1981, Unwin 762 (QRS); 15 km along Mt Lewis rd, $16^{\circ} 34^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 16^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1986, Guymer
2017 (BRI,CANB,K,L,MEL,MO,NSW); Barron Falls track, $16^{\circ} 51^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 39^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1986, Guymer 2056 (BRI,QRS);
Davies Ck, $16^{\circ} 55^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 32^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1962, Webb 5558 \& Tracey (BRI,K); $17^{\circ} 00^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 35^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1972, Hyland 5770
(BRI,K,QRS); Copper Lode Falls Dam area, Cairns, $17^{\circ} 00^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 40^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Dec 1972, Birch 32 (BRI); S.F.R. 185, c.
$5 \mathrm{~km} N$ of Tinaroo Falls Dam, $17^{\circ} 05^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 36^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Apr 1976, Moriarty 1978 (BRI,QRS); S.F.R. 185, Haig L.A.,
$17^{\circ} 05^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 36^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jul 1976 , Moriarty 2136 (BRI,QRS,L); S.F.R. 185, Emerald LA, $17^{\circ} 06^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 35^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, May 1971 ,
Dockrill 86 (BRI,K,L,NSW,QRS); Tree Ck, a tributary of Mulgrave River, $17^{\circ} 10^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 50^{\prime} \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{Feb} 1929$, Tarden
s.n. (BRI); Lake Eacham, Feb 1910, Domin 7310, $7311,7312,7313$ (all PR); Herberton Ra., $17^{\circ} 19^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 26^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$,
Jan 1986, Guymer 2027 (BRI,CBG,NE); 2.5 km along Boonjee rd, E of Lamin's Hill, $17^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 44^{\prime} \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{Jan} 1986$,
Guymer 2065 (BRI); S.F.R. 310, Swipers L.A., $17^{\circ} 22^{\prime}$ S, $145^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ E, Jan 1986, Guymer 2065 (BRI); Reserve 404,
Dirran-Elinjaa Falls, $17^{\circ} 28^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $145^{\circ} 39^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Mar 1982 , Hyland 11710 (BRI,QRS); S.F.R. 650, Mt Fisher, E/P 29,
$17^{\circ} 33^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 33^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Nov 1975, Sanderson 799 (BRI,L,QRS); S.F.R. 756 , West Charappa L.A., $17^{\circ} 42^{\prime}$ S, $145^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ E,
Jul 1979, Stocker 1737 (QRS); S.F.R. 605, Luff L.A., $17^{\circ} 58^{\prime}$ S, $145^{\circ} 36^{\prime}$ E, Feb 1982, Hyland 11703 (BRI,QRS); c.
1 km E of Paluma, $19^{\circ} 00^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 146^{\circ} 14^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jan 1986, Guymer 2013 (BRI,CANB, MEL,NSW).

Distribution and habitat: Rhodomyrtus pervagata is endemic in north-east Queensland from Mt Windsor Tableland ( $16^{\circ} 12^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$ ) to Paluma ( $19^{\circ} \mathrm{S}$ ) and is found between 400 and 1250 m altitude. The species occurs in simple and complex notophyll vine forests on soils derived from granite, granodiorite or basalt.
Phenology: This species flowers from October to February, and sometimes May or June. Fruiting specimens have been collected from January to July.
Affinities: Rhodomyrtus pervagata has a leaf tomentum similar to that of $R$. trineura but is distinguished from that species by its larger leaves, longer pedicels and arborescent habit.
Etymology: Named from the Latin 'pervagata' (common), in reference to the occurrence of this species along road verges throughout its distributional range.
5. Rhodomyrtus effusa Guymer, sp. nov. a $R$. novoguineensi Diels nervis lateralibus foliorum paucioribus (4-7), ovulis paucioribus (60-72), bacca subglobosa, foliis latioribus ( $4-8.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ latis) et statura minore differt. Typus: Queensland, Cook DISTRICT, c. 2 km along Whyanbeel-Daintree track, from Whyanbeel $\mathrm{Ck}\left(16^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{S}\right.$, $145^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ ), January 1986, G.P. Guymer 2059 (holo: BRI; iso: BRI,CANB, K,L,MEL,MO,NSW distribuendi).
Straggling shrubs to 4 m tall; bark smooth grey or brown. Branchlets and young leaves ferruginous-villous with simple hairs $0.5-1.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina ovate to ovate-lanceolate, $8-18 \mathrm{~cm}$ long, $4-8.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide, glabrous above or pubescent along primary veins above, pubescent below with ferruginous erect simple hairs $0.3-1.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, hairs dense along veins, sparse elsewhere, 3 -veined twice above the base; apex acuminate to caudate; base cordate to truncate; venation raised below, primary and secondary sunken above, distinct; primary marginal veins (lowermost pair): $1-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, $1-4(-7) \mathrm{mm}$ from margin, (uppermost pair): $3-10(-12) \mathrm{mm}$ from base, (2-)4-14(-18) mm margin; lateral veins 47 pairs; oil glands obscure, moderately dense to sparse. Petiole pubescent, 2-5 mm long. Inflorescence 1 or 2 per axil, monads, $12-16 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pedicels ferruginous-villous, 36 mm long; prophylls ovate to broadly ovate, ferruginous-villous, deciduous, $2.5-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $2-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Flowers 5 -merous; perigynium ferruginous-villous, $3-3.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, and $2-3 \mathrm{~mm}$. diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes broadly ovate or slightly obovate, acute or obtuse, ferruginous-villous outside, glabrous inside, caducous, 4-6 mm long, 3.5-4.5 mm wide. Stamens $203-215$, $\pm$ in 4 or 5 whorls; filaments $1.5-3.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; anthers $0.5-0.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary 3-loculur, summit pubescent; ovules $20-24$ per loculus, in 2 series of $10-12$, on axile placentas; style pubescent at base, glabrous above, $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$
long; stigma capitate $0.4-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Fruit cream when ripe, subglobular, pubescent, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, $5-8 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $5-7 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter (not seen fully mature). Fig. 1 D \& E.

Specimens examined. Australia. Queensland. Cook District: Granite Ck, lower Bloomfield R., Sep 1960, Smith 11078 (BRI,K); c. 25 km NNW of Daintree, Nov 1967, Boyland 417 (BRI,K); Height of Alexandra, c. $71 / 4$ miles [ 12 km ] NE of Daintree, Oct 1962, Smith 11503 (BRI,K); N bank of Daintree, R., Feb 1932, Brass 2212 (BRI); ditto, Dec 1929, Kajewski 1438 (BRI,K); Stewart Ck, ( $16^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 10^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ ), Sep 1948, Smith 4043 (BRI,K); T.R. 55, Whyanbeel, ( $16^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ ), Mar 1976, Hyland 8687 (QRS); T.R. 55, Jul 1974, Hyland 7328 (BRI,QRS); ditto, Hyland 7348 (BRI,QRS); Exp. E/P 35, TR 55, Whyanbeel ( $16^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 145^{\circ} 26^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$ ), Jun 1977, Sanderson 1208 (QRS); c. 2 km along Whyanbeel-Daintree track, from Whyanbeel Ck ( $16^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 14^{\circ} 5^{\circ} 20^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ ), Jan 1986, Guymer 2059 (BRI,CANB,K,L,MEL,MO,NSW).
Distribution and habitat: Rhodomyrtus effusa is confined to northeast Queensland from the Bloomfield River to the Rex Range ( $16^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$ ), at altitudes of $20-100 \mathrm{~m}$. It occurs on the margins of complex mesophyll vine forests on soils derived from granite.

Phenology: This species flowers from October to December and fruits from January to April.
Affinities: This species has its closest affinities with Rhodomyrtus novoguineensis but differs by its fewer ovules per loculus ( 20 to 24 ) in 10 to 12 rows, its broad ovate to ovate-lanceolate leaves with fewer lateral nerves, its subglobular berry and its smaller stature.
Notes: Specimens of this species have invariably been included under $R$. trineura var. macrophylla ( $=R$. pervagata). They can be readily distinguished from this species by their coarser tomentum, leaf shape, smaller petals and shorter pedicels as well as the straggling habit.

## Conservation status: 2RC.

Etymology: The specific epithet refers to the straggling habit.
6. Rhodomyrtus novoguineensis Diels, Engl. Bot. Jahrb. 57: 378 (1922); Rhodomyrtus trineura var. novoguineensis (Diels) A.J. Scott, Kew Bulletin 33: 324 (1978). Type: Nordöstliches Neu-Guinea: In den Wäldern bei Siu, 200 m ü. M., 12 April 1909, Schlechter s.n. [19223] (holo: B†; iso: K,L).
Small trees to 8 m tall; bark brown, flaky. Branchlets ferruginous tomentose with simple hairs $0.2-1.0 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina lanceolate to ovate-lanceolate, (5-)7-15 cm long, (1.8-) $2-5.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide, glabrous above except for a few hairs along the primary veins, ferruginouspubescent below with hairs $0.5-1(-1.6) \mathrm{mm}$ long, 3 -veined above the base; apex acuminate to almost caudate; base acute to cuneate; venation distinct, flush above except for primary veins which are slightly sunken, raised below, primary marginal veins $2-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, $2-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ from margin, lateral veins $8-10$ pairs; oil glands moderately dense or sparse, distinct. Petiole pubescent, $3-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Inflorescences 2 per axil, monads, 1216 mm long; pedicels pubescent, $2-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; prophylls ovate or ovate-lanceolate, tomentose, $2-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $1.2-2.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Perigynium mostly ellipsoidal, villous, $3.4-$ 5.5 mm long, $2.2-3.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes, semicircular to broadly ovate, villous, persistent, $2.2-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $1.5-2.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Petals 4 or 5 , white, broadly ovate to ovate or orbicular, ferruginous-villous outside, glabrous inside or pubescent at base only, caducous, $3-4(-5) \mathrm{mm}$ long, $2.5-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Stamens $112-130$; filaments $1-$ 1.8 mm long; anthers $0.5-0.7 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary 3 -locular, summit pubescent; ovules $36-$ 44 per loculus, in 2 series of 18-22 on axile placentas; style pubescent in lower half, glabrous above, 3-4 mm long; stigma capitate, c. 0.5 mm diameter. Fruit cream or pale brown, pubescent, ellipsoidal, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, $10-14 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $6-9$ mm diameter. Fig. 2 A \& B.

Specimens examined. Papua New Guinea. Bismarck Archipelago: Manus Island, Kaguli Ridge, $2^{\circ} 05^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $146^{\circ} 40^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1974, Foreman \& Katik LAE 59225 (BRI); Mt Dremsel, $2^{\circ} 10^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $146^{\circ} 55^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jun 1971, Stone \& Streimann 10377 (BRI). West New Britain Province: NNE slope of Mt Ulawon, Hoskins subdistrict, $5^{\circ} 02^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 151^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Feb 1971, Lelean \& Stevens LAE 51245 (BRI,K,L). Eastern New Britain Province: Lower slopes of Mt Lululua, Pomio subdistrict, $5^{\circ} 43^{\prime}$ S, $151^{\circ} 02^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, May 1973, Steven \& Lelean LAE 58273 (BRI,K,L). West Sepik Province: Prospect Creek, tributary of Frieda River, Telefomin subdistrict, $4^{\circ} 42^{\prime} \mathrm{S}$, $141^{\circ} 48^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Jun 1969, Henty \& Foreman NGF 42614 (BRI,K,L); Carpentaria Exploration base, above Storm Ck, Dec 1977, Hoover 6436 (K). Sepik Province: near Wantipi village (on Bliri R.), Aitape subdistrict, Aug 1961, Darbyshire \& Hoogland 8365 (BRI,K,L). Western Highlands Province: Shore of Lake Kopiago, Lake Kopiago subdistrict, $5^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 142^{\circ} 33^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$,

Nov 1968, Vandenberg \& Galore NGF 42113 (BRI,K,L). Morobe Province: Tymne - Wago track, $6^{\circ} 50^{\prime}$ S, $146^{\circ} 42^{\prime}$ E, Mar 1963, Hartley 11414 (BRI); Ekuti Divide, Bulolo-Aseki Rd, 35 km WSW of Bulolo, $7^{\circ} 19^{\prime}$ S, $146^{\circ} 23^{\prime}$ E, Jun 1982, Streimann 8375 (BRI). Central Province: Ridge SW of Efogi village, Port subdistrict, $9^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ S, $147^{\circ} 39^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Sep 1973, Foreman et al. LAE 52473 (BRI); Mt Tafa, May-Sep 1933, Brass 5110 (BRI). MILNE Bay Province:' Biriatabu, Nov 1925, Brass 577 (BRI,K); N slopes of Mt Dayman, Maneau Range, Jun 1953, Brass 23122 (BRI); E slopes, Goodenough Island, Oct 1953, Brass 24491 (BRI); Junction Ugat and Mayu Rivers, near Mayu I, Raba Raba subdistrict, $9^{\circ} 37^{\prime}$ S, $149^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ E, Jul 1972, Streimann \& Katik NGF 28988 (BRI,K,L); between Agaun and Bonenau, Baniara subdistrict, $9^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ 'S, $149^{\circ} 22^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Aug 1969, Pullen 7901 (BRI,K,L).
Distribution and habitat: $R$. novoguineensis occurs on the Bismarck Archipelago and mainland Papua New Guinea from near sea-level to 2400 m . It has been recorded from Castanopsis rainforest, Nothofagus dominant montane forest and open-forest.
Phenology: Flowers and fruits have been collected throughout the year.
Notes: Hartley 11414 is included here although it is reported to be a liana. Specimens (Brass 5110, Streimann 8375) from above 2000 m have smaller leaves ( $5-8.5 \times 1.8-2.5$ cm ) but in other characters agree with $R$. novoguineensis.
7. Rhodomyrtus lanata Guymer, sp. nov. affinis $R$. novoguineensi Diels sed foliis villosis pedicellis brevioribus et petalis majoribus ( $4-5.5 \times 3-4.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) differt. Typus: New Guinea, Edie Ck, Wau Sub-district, Morobe District, $7^{\circ} 45^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 146^{\circ} 25^{\prime} \mathrm{E}, 14$ August 1968, Millar NGF 12156 (holo: BRI; iso: K,L distribuendi).
Shrubs or slender trees $2-7 \mathrm{~m}$ tall; bark flaky, brown. Branchlets and young leaves densely ferruginous-villous with simple hairs $0.5-2.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina ovate to ovatelanceolate, $6-13.3 \mathrm{~cm}$ long, $2-5.6 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide, tomentose above when young, glabrescent except for the primary veins, densely ferruginous-villous below (hairs $0.5-1.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long), 3 -veined almost from base; apex acuminate; base broadly cuneate, occasionally acute; venation distinct, sunken above, raised below, primary marginal veins $1-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, $3-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ from margin; lateral veins $8-12$ pairs; oil glands of medium to sparse density, readily seen with hand lens. Petiole villous, glabrescent, 3-6 mm long. Inflorescences 2 per axil, monads, $10-13 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pedicels villous, to 2 mm long; prophylls ovate, obovate or ovate-lanceolate, acute, pubescent, $3-5.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $1.4-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Flowers 5 -merous; perigynium ovoid or ellipsoidal, villous, $4-6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $2-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes semicircular, or broadly ovate, villous, persistent, $2.5-$ 3.2 mm long, $1.8-2.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Petals white, ovate, acute and obtuse, ferruginousvillous or sericeous outside, glabrous inside, caducous, $4-5.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $3-4.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Stamens $80-82$, $\pm$ in 2 or 3 whorls; filaments $2-3.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; anthers $0.4-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary 3-locular, summit tomentose; ovules 32-38 per loculus, in 2 series of 16-19 on axile placentas; style pubescent at base, glabrous above, $3-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; stigma capitate, $0.4-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Fruit cream or pale brown, ellipsoidal, villous, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, $8-13 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $4.5-6.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter (not seen fully mature). Fig. $2 \mathrm{E} \& \mathrm{~F}$.

Specimens examined: New Guinea. Sepik Province: Puaxi Ck, Mar 1964, Sayers NGF 19502 (BRI,K,L). Morobe Province: Kaindi, May 1959, Brass 29576 (K); Ogeramnang, Feb 1937, Clemens 5452A (BRI); above Edie Ck, July 1977, Conn 328 et al. (K,L); near Haumga, Aseki Patrol Area, Apr 1966, Craven \& Schodde 1108 (BRI,K,L); headwaters of Longimar R., Aseki Patrol Area, Apr 1966, Craven \& Schodde 1311 (BRI,K,L); Edie Ck., c. 4 miles [ 6 km ] SW of Wau, Apr 1963, Hartley 11674 (BRI,K); ditto, Jan 1964, Sayers \& Hartley 12609 (BRI); Wau-Edie Ck rd, above Golden Ridges, Dec 1963, Havel \& School NGF 17273 (BRI,K,L); Mt Kaindi, May 1974, Katik \& Larivita LAE 62065 (BRI,K,L); ditto, Dec 1978, Kerenga \& Wabo LAE 74380 (BRI,K,L); Edie Ck, Aug 1968, Millar NGF 12156 (BRI,K,L); Wagau, June 1964, Millar NGF 23475 (BRI,K,L); Edie Ck, Nov 1966, Ridsdale NGF 30279 (BRI,K,L); ditto, Sept 1964, Sayers NGF 19935 (BRI,K,L); Wau-Salamaua Track, 14 km NE of Wau, Aug 1982, Streimann 8506 (K,L); summit of Mt Kainde, Mar 1978, Verdcourt \& Johns 5110 (K); Edie Ck, Sep 1953, Womersley 5375 (BRI,K); Edie Ck, 10 miles [16 km] from Wau, June 1960, Womersley \& Thorne NGF 12810 (BRI); ditto, Sep 1961, Womersley NGF 13933 (BRI,K); above Wau on Edie Ck rd, July 1954, Womersley \& van Royen 5939 (K); Edie Ck rd, Wau, Mar 1953, Womersley \& Taylor 4788 (BRI, K); ditto, Oct 1965, Frodin NGF 26201 (BRI). CENTRAL Province: Woitape, Aug 1968, Ridsdale \& Woods NGF 33776 (BRI).
Distribution and habitat: R. lanata occurs in the Morobe and Central Provinces of Papua New Guinea between $1100-2300 \mathrm{~m}$ altitude. One specimen from the Sepik Province of New Guinea is also referable to this species. It occurs on the margins of montane rainforest or in secondary regrowth situations.

Phenology: Flowers and fruits have been collected throughout the year.
Affinities: $R$. lanata is closely related to $R$. novoguineensis. It is readily distinguished from this species by its villous leaves, short pedicels to 2 mm long and larger petals (4$5.5 \times 3-4.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ ).


Fig. 2. Rhodomyrtus novoguineensis: A. flowering branchlet $\times 0.75$. B. L.S. of fruit $\times 2$. Rhodomyrtus montana: C. flowering branchlets $\times 1$. D. L.S. of fruit $\times 2$. Rhodomyrtus lanata: E. flowering branchlet $\times 0.75$. F. L.S. of fruit $\times 2$. A,B, Henty \& Foreman 42614; C,D, van Royen \& Sleumer 8205; E,F, Womersley \& Thorne 12810.

Etymology: Named from the Latin lanatus (woolly) in reference to the indumentum of the leaves.
8. Rhodomyrtus montana Guymer, sp. nov. affinis $R$. novoguineensi Diels sed ovulis paucioribus (48-54), bacca globosa et foliis brevioribus ( $3.7-7.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ longis) differt. Typus: West Irian [Irian Jaya], Vogelkop Peninsula, Nettoti Ra., December 1961, van Royen \& Sleumer 8087 (holo: BRI, iso: K,L distribuendi).
Shrubs to 4 m tall. Branchlets ferruginous-villous with simple hairs $0.4-1 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Lamina elliptic or ovate-lanceolate, glabrous above except for hairs along the primary veins, ferruginous-villous below with hairs $0.4-1.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, 3 -veined above the base, $3.5-7.5 \mathrm{~cm}$ long, $1.5-3.8 \mathrm{~cm}$ wide; apex acuminate, base cuneate; venation distinct, slightly sunken above, raised below, primary marginal veins $1-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ from base, 2-6 mm from margin; oil glands obscure. Petiole pubescent, 2-6 mm long. Inflorescence 1 per axil, monads, $10-15 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; pedicels pubescent, $1-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; prophylls ovate, acute, pubescent, $1.5-2.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Flowers 5 -merous; perigynium globular, villous, 3.24 mm long, $2.5-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter at anthesis. Calyx lobes semi-circular to broadly ovate, villous, persistent, $2.5-3 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $1.5-2.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Petals white inside, pink or brownish outside, $6-8 \mathrm{~mm}$ long, $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ wide. Stamens $76-88$, in 4 whorls, filaments $3.5-4 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; anthers $0.4-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Ovary 3-locular; ovules $16-18$ per loculus, in 2 series of 8 or 9 on axile placentas; style villous at base, glabrous above, $4-5.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ long; stigma capitate, $0.4-0.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Fruit globular, ferruginous-villous, crowned by persistent calyx lobes, $4-5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter. Seeds $48-54$, reniform, flattened, finely reticulate, $1.5-1.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ long. Figs 2 C \& D.
Specimens examined: West Irian. Vogelkop Peninsula: N slope of Mt Nettoti, path to Wekari R., Dec 1961, van Royen \& Sleumer 8087 (K,L); crest of Mt Nettoti, Dec 1961, van Royen \& Sleumer 8205 (K,L); Mt Kobreimot above Testega, Anggi Lakes, Jan 1962, Sleumer \& Vink BW 14152 (K,L).
Distribution and habitat: Rhodomyrtus montana is known from the Vogelkop Peninsula, West Irian, New Guinea, at an altitude of $1900-2300 \mathrm{~m}$. The species has been recorded from the edges of montane rainforest and montane thicket.
Phenology: Flowering specimens have been collected in December and January, and fruiting specimens in January.
Affinities: Rhodomyrtus montana appears closely related to R. lanata based on its similar leaf tomentum and inflorescences. Nevertheless it is distinguished from this species by its smaller leaves, globular berries and fewer ovules per loculus.
Etymology: The specific epithet refers to the montane distribution of the species.

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van Altena 3620,3650 (4). Van denberg \& Galore NGF 42113 (6). van Royen \& Sleumer 8087, 8205 (8). Verdcourt \& Johns 5110 (7). Volck QF 57/108 (3), AQ 45209 (4).
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[^0]:    Specimens examined; Australia. Queensland. Соok District: Iron Range, Jun 1948, Brass 19333 (BRI,L); Mt Tozer near Iron Range, i2 $^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ 'S, $143^{\circ} 12^{\prime}$ E, Nov 1977, Tracey 14851 (BRI, QRS); Hill E of Mt Tozer, Iron Range area, $12^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} 45^{\prime}$ 'S, $143^{\circ} 13^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Nov 1977 , Tracey 14203 (BRI, QRS); Claudie River, $17^{\circ} 45^{\circ}{ }^{\prime}$, $143^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Sep 1976 , Hyland 9029 (BRI,L,ORS); ditto, Oct 1974 , Hyland 7806 (BRI,L,QRS); ditto, Oct 1973 , Irvine 671 (BRI,QRS); Mt Carter, $13^{\circ} 00^{\circ}$ S, $143^{\circ} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Sep 1974, Hyland 7554 (BRI,L,QRS); T.R. 14, Mcllwraith Range, Leo Ck road, $13^{\circ} 45^{\circ}$ 'S, $143^{\circ} 20^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Sep 1975, Hyland 8383 (BRI, QRS); ditto, Hyland 8390 (BRI,ORS); McIlwraith Range, $13^{\circ} 5^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{S}, 143^{\circ} 15^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Sep 1974, Hyland 7645 (BRI,L, QRS); Headwaters of Massy Ck near old mining site, McIlwrath Range, $13^{\circ} 50^{\circ}$ 's, $143^{\circ} 20^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1969 , Webb \& Tracey 9129 (BRI); Headwaters of Lankelly Creek on western fall of Mcllwraith Range, $13^{\circ} 52^{\circ} \mathrm{S}, 143^{\circ} 20^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1969 , Webb \& Tracey 9531 (BRI); Lankelly Creek on western fall of McIwraith Range, $13^{\circ} 55^{\prime} \mathrm{S}, 143^{\circ} \mathrm{I}^{\prime} \mathrm{E}$, Oct 1969, Webb \& Tracey 9637 (BRI).
    Distribution and habitat: This subspecies is found from Iron Range to Mcllwraith Range, Cape York Peninsula, Queensland and occurs on the margins of mesophyll or notophyll vine forest at altitudes of 20 to 600 m .

